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Prices continue to be unchanged as the market tone remains steady. The demand was moderate to good. Supplies were in a full range; tight to ample. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower while checks and undergrades were lower. Demand was light with breakers bidding lower prices for spot offerings of heavy breaking stock. Both offerings and supplies were fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. The light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was fair while offerings increased and reported as fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mixed. Removal prices were 0-12 cents, mostly 3.5-8.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were fair to very good, mostly good to very good, while food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were tight to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to mostly weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52
LARGE	44-54	45-48
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady. Demand improved in some areas and ranged mostly moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were more than sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.50	56.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	56.50	54.50	40.00
MIDWEST	49.00	46.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	56.37	54.36	39.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	03-15-05	03-08-05	03-16-04
Large	27-36	27-36	97-104
Medium	14-20	14-20	83-87

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- March 14, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	15.4	17.8	10.7	14.6	17.1	75.6
	Change	-0.1	-1.2	1.8	0.6	3.0	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.8	46.0	13.6	31.1	45.6	166.1
	Change	1.8	-5.8	-0.3	-11.7	1.7	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	92.9	167.2	111.0	138.6	174.7	684.4
	Change	1.9	8.4	13.0	8.9	24.4	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.4	51.3	18.1	30.6	31.4	141.8
	Change	-0.4	0.3	-1.9	5.7	-1.3	2%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	8.7	2.4	7.8	2.8	23.8
	Change	-1.5	2.0	-0.6	1.2	-1.6	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	29.5	11.7	14.6	6.9	68.5
	Change	1.8	6.1	3.1	2.0	1.5	27%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	41.8	34.6	36.5	38.6	169.0
	Change	-6.3	-13.7	-7.7	-4.6	0.2	-16%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	173.9	362.3	202.1	273.8	317.1	1329.2
	Change	-2%	-1%	4%	1%	10%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1329.2	2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	270.0	7%	35

Total Shell Egg 1599.2 3% 208
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 12-MAR-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,274,049	31,496	11,715	6,643	2,473	4,543
PW	1,263,843	30,745	11,823	6,114	2,259	4,452
LY	1,167,965	28,880	10,633	5,989	2,371	4,140
% CHG PWK	1	2	-1	9	9	2
% CHG LY	9	9	10	11	4	10
2005	12,388,368	297,618	119,971	63,974	28,114	43,662
2004	11,596,688	273,852	111,946	62,735	26,657	40,885
% CHG YTD	7	9	7	2	5	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.70	42.04	42.50
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.13	38.52	38.96

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 05	MAR 12	MAR 05	MAR 12
	Thousand			
AL	30,331	30,074	21,620	21,525
AR	31,198	30,867	*24,187	24,141
DE	3,955	3,906	5,948	6,085
FL	1,358	1,359	1,503	1,305
GA	*33,030	33,375	*27,700	27,155
KY	*7,265	6,995	*5,679	6,242
LA	4,044	4,044	3,581	4,140
MD	8,972	8,977	5,122	4,921
MS	19,314	19,465	17,817	17,544
NC	18,870	18,682	15,140	14,881
OK	6,386	6,346	6,359	5,452
PA	*3,982	4,010	*3,007	3,088
SC	*5,281	5,283	3,957	4,633
TX	15,155	15,119	12,739	12,897
VA	6,525	6,554	*4,447	4,997
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,414	18,007	*17,270	17,607
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19 State Total	*214,080	213,063	*176,076	176,613
Previous Year Total	210,313	210,601	169,208	170,698
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	104	103

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 23-Apr-05 is estimated at 162.4 million head. This compares to 162.9 million head the previous week and to 159.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.53 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/10/05-03/16/05

CURRENT LDS	46.00		FUTURE LDS	46.25		TOTAL LDS	92.25	
	SE	NE		SE	NE		SE	NE
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	32.67	35.56	32.75	35.50	—	34.00	22.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	34.00	—	—	5.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	55.00	56.00	36.17	—	4.00	
GL W XL	—	48.33	45.53	47.60	34.00	—	30.50	
GL W LG	—	47.50	41.00	43.00	—	—	13.25	
GL W MD	34.00	—	—	31.00	22.90	27.56	8.25	
GL W SM	24.50	28.00	25.00	27.00	—	—	3.00	
NRBS - 48	24.00	26.20	—	—	24.50	27.77	20.00	
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	26.25	4.00	

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 12-MAR-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	27.7	26.8	3	-3
Boston	4.3	3.3	30	30
Chicago	76.3	72.4	5	25
Detroit	33.4	23.5	42	48
Kansas City	4.3	3.2	34	-65
Los Angeles	110.6	110.4	0	23
New Orleans	6.5	7.0	-7	-13
New York	32.6	32.1	2	11
St. Louis	16.2	17.3	-6	-1
San Francisco	19.6	20.5	-4	-4
Total	331.5	316.5	5	14
4 Week Moving Avg.	318.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 12-MAR-05

TOTAL	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
TURKEYS					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	1,551	2,477	10	3	4,041
Avg Wt	16.59	37.81	25.62	55.91	29.65
Last week	1,466	2,470	25	0	3,961
Same wk yr ago	1,646	2,589	70	7	4,312
Avg Wt	15.95	36.37	25.55	23.16	28.38
To-date/2005	15,250	25,020	277	35	40,582
To-date/2004	16,843	24,580	423	88	41,934

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 12-MAR-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS— THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED		TOTAL TURKEYS HEAD- LIVE WT
			THOUSAND	AVG	
North East	730	4	24.58	(A)	731 24.58
South Atlantic	578	9	31.94	(A)	579 31.94
North Central	1,922	0	33.50	(A)	1,923 33.50
South Central	481	1	21.81	(A)	481 21.81
West	327	2	25.55	(A)	327 25.55
U.S. total	4,038(B)	2	29.65	3	4,041 29.65
To-date					
2005	40,547(B)			35	40,582
To-date					
2004	41,846(B)			88	41,934

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date 277,000; for last year to date 423,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 12-Mar-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	157,630	1,720	1,317	3,037	506
Avg Wt	5.16	3.38	7.99	5.38	6.68
Last week	160,095	1,547	1,451	2,998	529
Same wk yr ago	153,179	1,344	1,165	2,509	487
Avg Wt	5.06	3.43	8.15	5.62	6.69
To-date/2005	1,568,694	14,535	12,919	27,454	5,087
To-date/2004	1,532,632	12,737	12,646	25,383	4,568

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.5 million head, or 2.4 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Mar-05

CLASS	Current Week 03/19/05(1)	Previous Week 03/12/05
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	162,655(2)	165,098
Light hens	1,307	1,761
Heavy hens	1,371	1,327
Total	165,333	168,186

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Mar-05 is 162.0 million head compared to 154.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.0 million head or 1.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Mar-05 the estimated available is 164.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February	5	158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
	12	156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
	19	158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
	26	158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
March	5	162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
	12	159.5	161.9	99%	5.16
Year to date		1587.7	1613.3	98%	
March	19		162.0		
	26		164.0		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 14-MAR-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.78	41 :	70.88	72
Los Angeles	80.00	79.03	59 :	78.03	131
New York	69.00-73.00	71.48	21 :	69.91	47

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
14-MAR-2005	07-MAR-2005	07-MAR-2005	15-MAR-2004
72.97	1.23	71.74	75.30

NUMBER OF LOADS 588

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 03/14/05	3,347	97,151	44,731
AM 03/01/05	3,601	88,108	41,709
CHG	-254	9043	3022
PCT CHG	-7%	10%	7%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 14-MAR-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.25
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-12.75	12.02

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

11-MAR-05	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE
Eastern	3-13
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	0-12

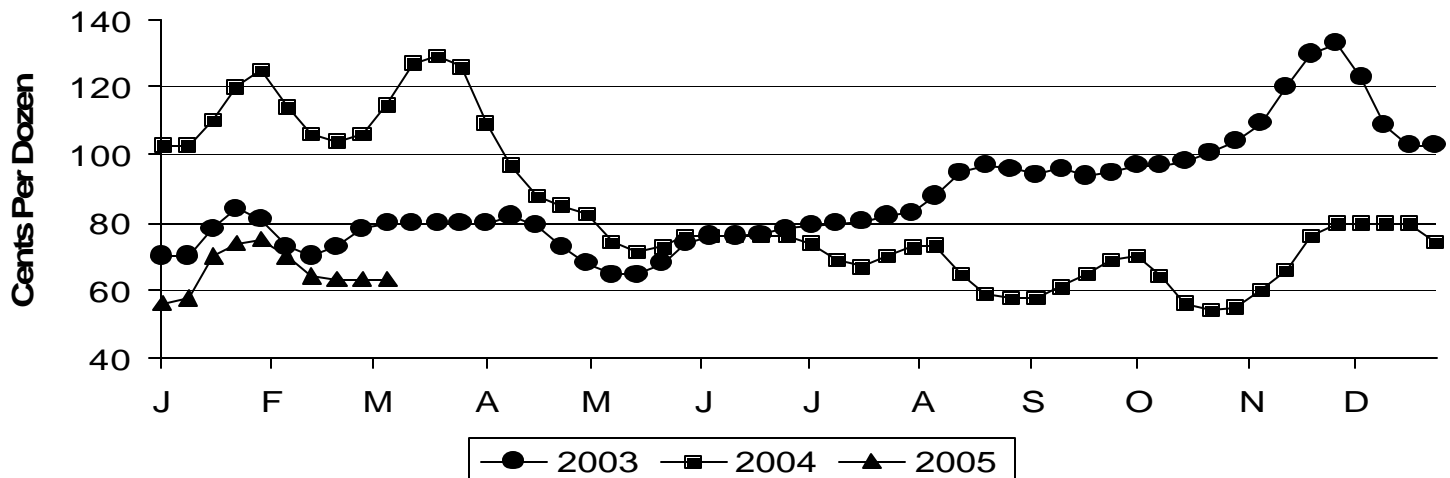
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

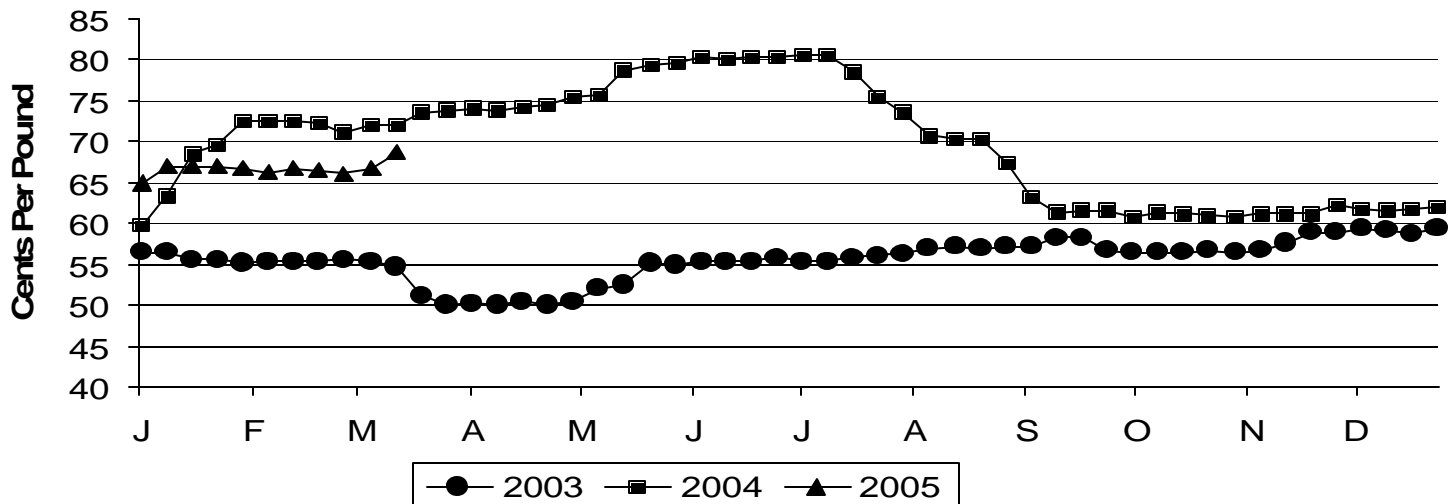
W/E 12-Mar-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	247.4	1	0
East North Central	633.2	1	6
West North Central	298.2	4	5
South Atlantic	220.0	-2	-1
South Central	70.1	12	0
West	221.3	2	19
Total	1690.2	2	5
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

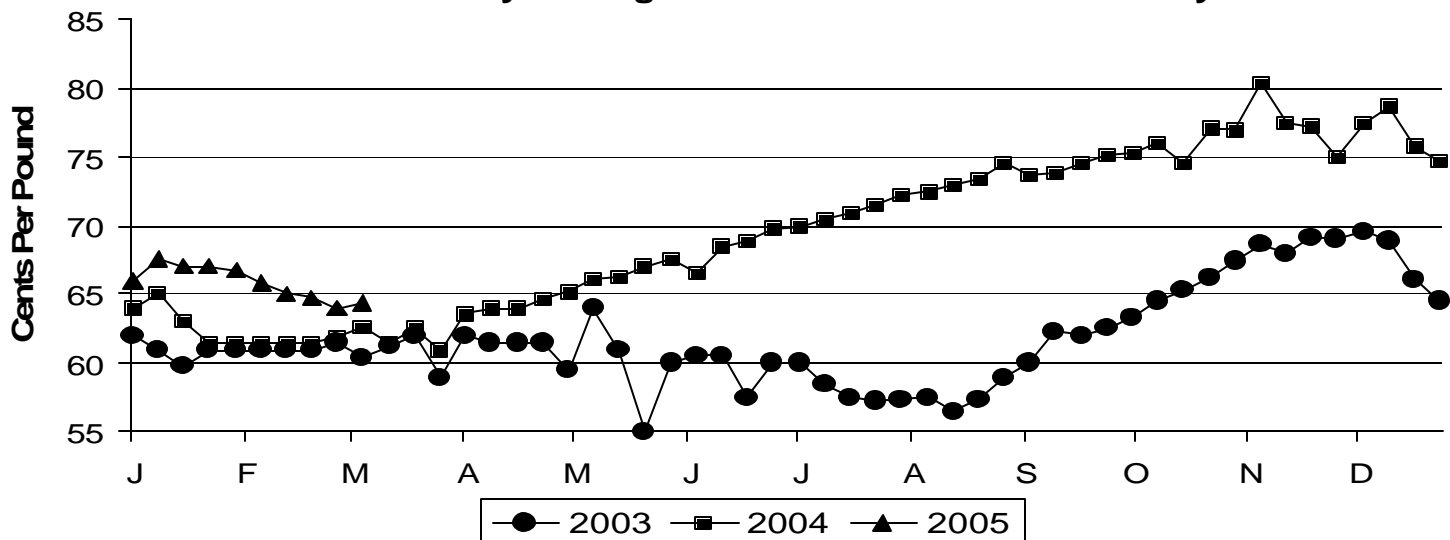
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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